Extension of electric supply to Peermade.

436. ✻ MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have taken any steps for the extension of the electric supply lines to Peermade; and

(*b*) if so, the nature of the work done till now?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The investigation has been completed.

MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR: May I know when the investigation has been completed?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: I could not tell you the exact time, but it is round about 1942.

MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR: May I know the reason why so much delay is caused in implementing the programme?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: Indents were placed for the materials but the Government of India refused to sanction priority at the time.

Public Call Office at Ponkunnam.

437. ✻ MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have taken any steps for the opening of a public call office at Ponkunnam; and

(*b*) if not, why not?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: (*a*) Yes. The opening of a Public Call Office at Ponkunnam is proposed to be taken up shortly.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

Telephone Call Offices.

438. ✻ MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have not received applications for establishing telephone call offices at Thodupuzha and Erattupetta in Minachil, from the public of the respective places; and

(*b*) whether any arrangements have been made for the same?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Extension to Erattupetta will be considered when a better return on the expenditure involved can be expected and the member is referred to answer given to Question No. 435 as to the extension to Thodupuzha.

Electric power for cottage industries.

439. ✻ MR. K. A. MATHEW (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many applications have been received by Government from Travancoreans in 1119, 1120 and 1121 for the supply of electric power to start cottage industries; and

(*b*) of these how many have been granted?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: (*a*) 4 in 1119 M. E., 2 in 1120 M. E., and none in 1121 M. E.

(*b*) All the six.

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